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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING A MARKET BY PROJECTING DEMAND AND IDENTIFYING SUPPLY

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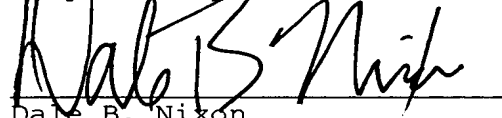
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- (1) WO 02/23453 A1 (ZEBORG, INC.), published March 21, 2002;
- (2) WO 01/33464 A1 (SOLOMON, Neal, E.), published May 10, 2001;
- (3) WO 01/11519 A2 (RESPOND.COM), published February 15, 2001; and
- (4) WO 00/51048 A2 (NEWCOGEN-IDEA ONE, INC.), published August 31, 2000.

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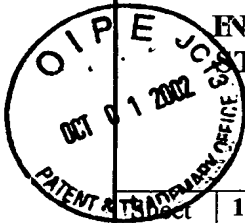
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